



AUSTIN RESOURCE RECOVERY DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Ken Snipes, Director
Austin Resource Recovery

DATE: February 23, 2021

SUBJECT: **Staff Update to Budget Rider 15 - Clean Community Fee (CIUR 2314)**

Council directed the City Manager to establish a partnership between Austin Resource Recovery (ARR) and the Watershed Protection Department (WPD) to maximize the environmental benefits of ARR's operation of the Clean Creeks Crew (CCC) and their litter abatement services, and to the extent possible, integrate the Clean Creeks Crew initiative into the Austin Civilian Conservation Corps.

ARR is requesting a 90-day extension to complete this CIUR. ARR has coordinated with WPD and conducted site visits in and near creeks identified for litter abatement. ARR has also collaborated with WPD regarding standard operating procedures. ARR will use the extended time to finalize the documentation of the standard operating procedures, to purchase any additional safety gear, and to complete the hiring process for the field staff and program manager positions. ARR anticipates posting the needed positions shortly.

If you have any questions, please contact me at Ken.Snipes@austintexas.gov.

CC: Spencer Cronk, City Manager
Shannon Jones, Interim Assistant City Manager